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From: Godsey, Cindi
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 12:55 PM
To: Swietlik, William
Cc: Matuszko, Jan; Goodwin, Janet
Subject: RE: Complaint from Nancy Hillstrand

Yes, I am familiar as we just finished a comment period on the reissuance of the exploration permit. She spoke at one of the public hearings and submitted not one but two sets of written comments on the permit. We heard comments as to the quality of the fish being in question but I will have to go back through the testimony to see if she said anything about an actual decline in the activity. Also, the 420,000 was an estimate for the amount of cuttings over the 5 year life of the permit which is likely a gross overestimation since there is not even a BOEM lease sale in the area being covered by the permit and we don't expect one until at least 2016.

The permits (one state and one federal) contain the requirements of the ELGs and applicable water quality standards (for the state) and other requirements (for the fed since WQS don't apply).

There seems to be some confusion amongst the commentors as to what the ELG is supposed to do and protecting water quality is not one of them. The commentors also don't seem to grasp that the permit we are reissuing does not cover Produced Water discharges that have been controversial in the past.

Sorry you had to be dragged into conversations on the permit. We are in a response to comment mode which means we don't usually discuss the comments (unless we need clarification) or solicit new ones. When the permit is final, she can have a say on the issues if she does not like our responses.

From: Swietlik, William
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 11:30 AM
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Cindy:

FYI-

Since my name is listed as the EPA contact for the proposed *Preliminary 2012 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Plan*, I recently got a call from Nancy Hillstrand of the Coal Point Trading Company in Homer, AK. Her number is 907-235-9550.

She complained to me that oil and gas exploration in Cook Inlet, as permitted by EPA under a general permit, was contaminating water quality in the Inlet to the point that the fishing industry was declining. She was wondering if we were going to do anything about that in the ELG Plan.

She claimed the general permits do little to control the discharge of toxic pollutants along with muds and drilling fluids, citing some 420,000 barrels allowed per year.

She indicated that she would write us comments (yet again) on the ELG Plan, but really wanted to talk with someone about the oil and gas exploration discharges and the general permits.

Are you familiar with her?

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